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20.	Punjab	Notified	Constituted
21.	Rajasthan	Notified	Constituted
22.	Sikkim	Notified	
23.	Tripura	Notified	Constituted
24.	Tamilnadu	Notified	Constituted
25.	Uttaranchal	Notified	
26.	Uttar Pradesh	Notified	Constituted
27.	West Bengal	Notified	Constituted

Annapurna Scheme in Kerala

2422. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries approved under Annapoorna Scheme in Kerala;

(b) the quantity of rice required per month under the scheme;

(c) the amount of rice presently allotted to the State under the Scheme;

(d) whether there is a shortage in the allocation; and

(e) if so, details thereof alongwith the steps taken to supply rice on the basis of physical target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The Annapurna Scheme was launched from 1.4.2000 to provide food security to meet the requirement of those senior citizens who though eligible remained uncovered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS). Under the Annapurna Scheme, 10 Kg. of foodgrains per month are being provided 'free of cost' to the beneficiary. At the time of launch of the scheme a numerical ceiling was fixed for the States/UTs. The numerical ceiling for the State of Kerala was then fixed at 44980 which meant requirement of 450 MTs of foodgrains per month. From 2002-03, the scheme was transferred to the State Plan and as per the new guidelines, the State has been given the flexibility to implement the three schemes of National Old Age Pension Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme and Annapurna by deciding the inter scheme allocations as per the priority accorded by the State. Hence, the Central Government releases combined allocation for the three schemes.

(c) The amount of rice allotted to the State under the Scheme for 2007-08 is 5400 MTs.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.